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AGREEMENT ON ARMS WITH POLAND AND VIETNAM
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is negotiating with Poland and Vietnam for the installation of military hardware and to tap markets in Asia and Africa;

(b) if so, whether any concrete decisions in this regard have been taken;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether India has signed any agreement with Poland and Vietnam over arms; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A Polish delegation led by the Minister of Economy met Raksha Utpadan Rajya Mantri (RURM) in April 2000 to explore the possibilities of collaboration in areas of joint development/co-production and joint marketing and sale of Polish arms, ammunition, etc. No concrete decisions were taken in this regard.

During my visit to Vietnam in March 2000, both sides agreed to enhance defence cooperation in the areas of training, specially in Jungle warfare, naval and coast guard activities. It will not be in the interest of national security to disclose the details.

(d) & (e): No Agreement has been signed with Poland and Vietnam for sale of military equipment in Asia and Africa. However, a Protocol on Defence Cooperation between India and Vietnam which, inter alia, provided for promotion of cooperation between the defence industries of the two countries was signed in September 1994.